

Mont. : 17-41-8

Raf Branison House
Poolesville Vicinity
Private

c. 1880's

This was a small, one story log house that consisted of two rooms downstairs. The upstairs was used only for storage. One room was used as kitchen and dining room and the other as a bedroom and living room.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Raf Branison House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Sugarland Rd.

CITY, TOWN

POOLESVILLE X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Montgomery**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ada Hebron

Telephone #: 301-972-8664

STREET & NUMBER

14755 Sugarland Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20337

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse-land records

Liber #: 2484

Folio #: 254

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☒ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tilghman Lee says that this site was occupied by the Raf Branison, even though the deed shows that the property was purchased by John Branison, his brother. It was a small log house, with two rooms downstairs. There was a low attic that was used only for storage. The front of the house faced east, and the gable end of the house was oriented north toward Sugarland Road. The front door opened into the kitchen, and the other room was the bedroom, where the parents and their one child slept. Lee explained that when the child "got big enough to know things", the parents put up a curtain around their bed to create a measure of privacy.

Note: Interview with Tilghman Lee
Sugarland Lane
Poodlesville Vicinty
301-972-8454
By George McDaniel

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES

C. 1890's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small log house represents the earlier stage of housing of the Black landowners. A log house was probably built, instead of a frame one like his brother John's, because Raf was apparently not as prosperous as his brother. This is suggested by the fact that the land was purchased by his brother, and John let his brother Raf live on it. This family cooperation is similar to that of the Hebron and the Lynch families in Sugarland.

Deed 194/133, dated 1907, shows that John Branson, Sr. bequeathed this property to his heirs: John Branson, Jr. and his wife Mary Duffin: and Frank Branson and his wife Margaret Jackson: and Isaac Branson. It also said that John Branson, Sr. had acquired this tract from Catherine Webb and her husband (a couple who sold much of the land to the Black families in Sugarland) but no "being clause" was given in the deed to identify that transaction, nor is John Branson listed as in the index as grantee from the Webbs. Due to the time limitations of the survey, further records could not be investigated. Perhaps examination of the John Branson's might identify the liber/folio of the purchase and furnish its date.)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Rockville Courthouse
 Oral Interview, Tilghman Lee

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor

Wesley Stubbs, Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87 Stronghold

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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~~The Shaw House, 21 State Circle~~
~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~
~~(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
 Box 87, Stronghold
 Dickerson, Md. 20753
 (301) 926-4510

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SITE:

RAF BRANISON HOUSE SITE

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: A. Hebron

ADDRESS: 14755 Sugarland Rd., Poolesville, Md. 20837

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: C541 p. 883

ACREAGE: 6.4 ac.

L/F: 2484/254

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Dorothy Wood

GRANTEE: Lawrence Hebron and Ada Hebron

DATE:

ACREAGE: 6.48 ac.

MISC.:

2) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

3) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

ACREAGE:

MISC.:

L/F 1090/431

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2) Grantee: Lawrence Hebron and Ada Hebron

Grantor: Nettie and Philip Johnson

date: Aug. 4, 1947

date recorded: Aug. 4, 1947

tract: 4 acres

"Being a lot of land in Sugarland
comprising 4 acres and adjoining the
properties of Johnson, Clements, Juanita
Hawkins and the County Rd and being the
same land which was conveyed to Nettie
Johnson by John B. Diamond, Treasurer by
deed dated Aug. 4, 1947 (Many John B. Diamonds
but no note of Treas.
look up w/ George)

L/F 1151/169

3) Grantee: Ada and Lawrence Hebron

Grantor: Nettie Johnson and husband Phillip Johnson

date April 24, 1948

recorded: April 28, 1948

tract: 2 acres and 33 sq perches of land

Note:

"Wanetta Hawkins died intestate more than 30
yrs. ago, and prior to her death gave the lands
and premises to her niece, Nettie Johnson, but
failed to execute a deed evidencing said gift,
... and being part of the same land
which was conveyed by John Branson et al to
Wanetta Hawkins by deed which is recorded 4F

194/133

Note: In the Index John Branson, Sr. (John Branson, Sr.)
Land Records John Branson, Jr. M:17-41-8

SITE:

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP:

ACREAGE:

L/F:

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

MISC.:

2) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

MISC.:

3) GRANTOR:

GRANTEE:

DATE:

MISC.:

Date recorded: Nov. 12, 1869

Grantee:

Catharine E. Webb ^{same} Not the land

Grantor:

Cephas Hempston Deed EBP 7/16

No record in index of Catharine Webb giving land to John Branson Sr.

No record of Augustus Webb, husband of Catharine giving land to John Branson, Sr.

No record of Augustus Webb receiving land

ACREAGE:

ACREAGE:

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L/F 194/133

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Webb ~~8~~

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4) Grantee:

Grantor:

date:

Recorded: May 25, 1907

tract: 2 ac. and 33 sq. perches

Note:

" John Branson Sr. at the time of his decease left as his legal heirs " John Branson Jr intermarried with a certain Mary Duffin, ² Wanetta Branson intermarried w/ William Hawkins, ³ Raphael Branson who dying left his heirs ³ Frank Branson intermarried w/ Margaret Jackson and ⁴ Isaac Branson

And whereas the said heirs now desire and mutually agree to equally divide the lands of the said John Branson Sr each of them to hold his or her share therein in severally and not in common.

Now therefore fore, and in consideration of the premises the said " John Branson Jr and ^{Duffin} Mary Branson, his wife, ^{Jackson} Frank Branson and Margaret Branson, his wife and Isaac Branson all of the aforesaid County of Mont. in the State of ^{Montana} do hereby grant and convey to the said Wanetta Hawkins all the right ^{title and interest} to that portion of the conveyance from Mrs. Catherine Webb and husband to the said John Branson Sr. (No John Branson Sr in index)

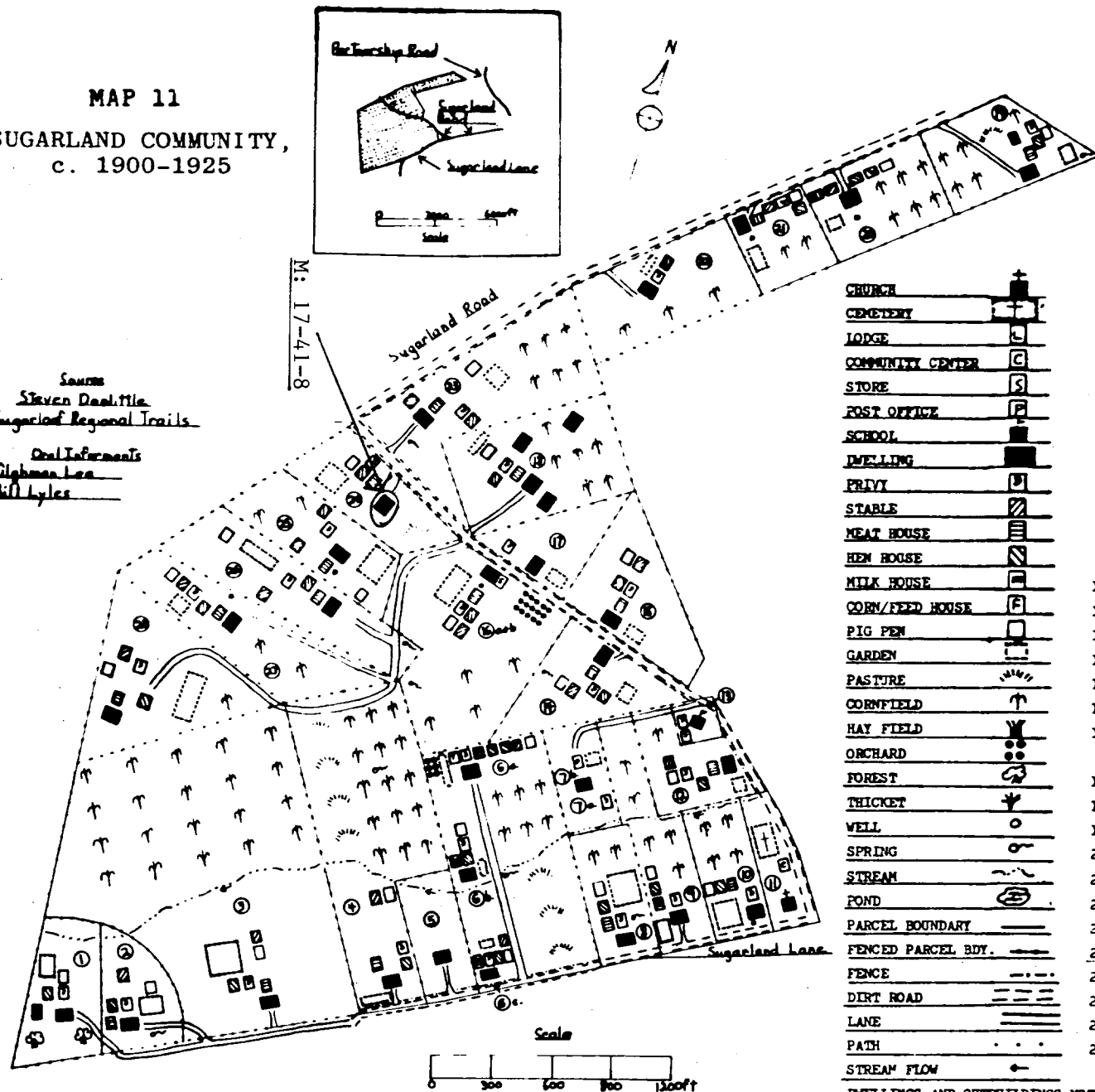
EBP 29/76

Anna A Webb and William R and Cornelia P. Sitler
A. Pleasants Webb: Grantor
John Branson Jr.: Grantee
date recorded June 9, 1883
date: Nov. 1880

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925

Source
Steven Deal/Mr.
Sugarland Regional Trails

Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Lyles

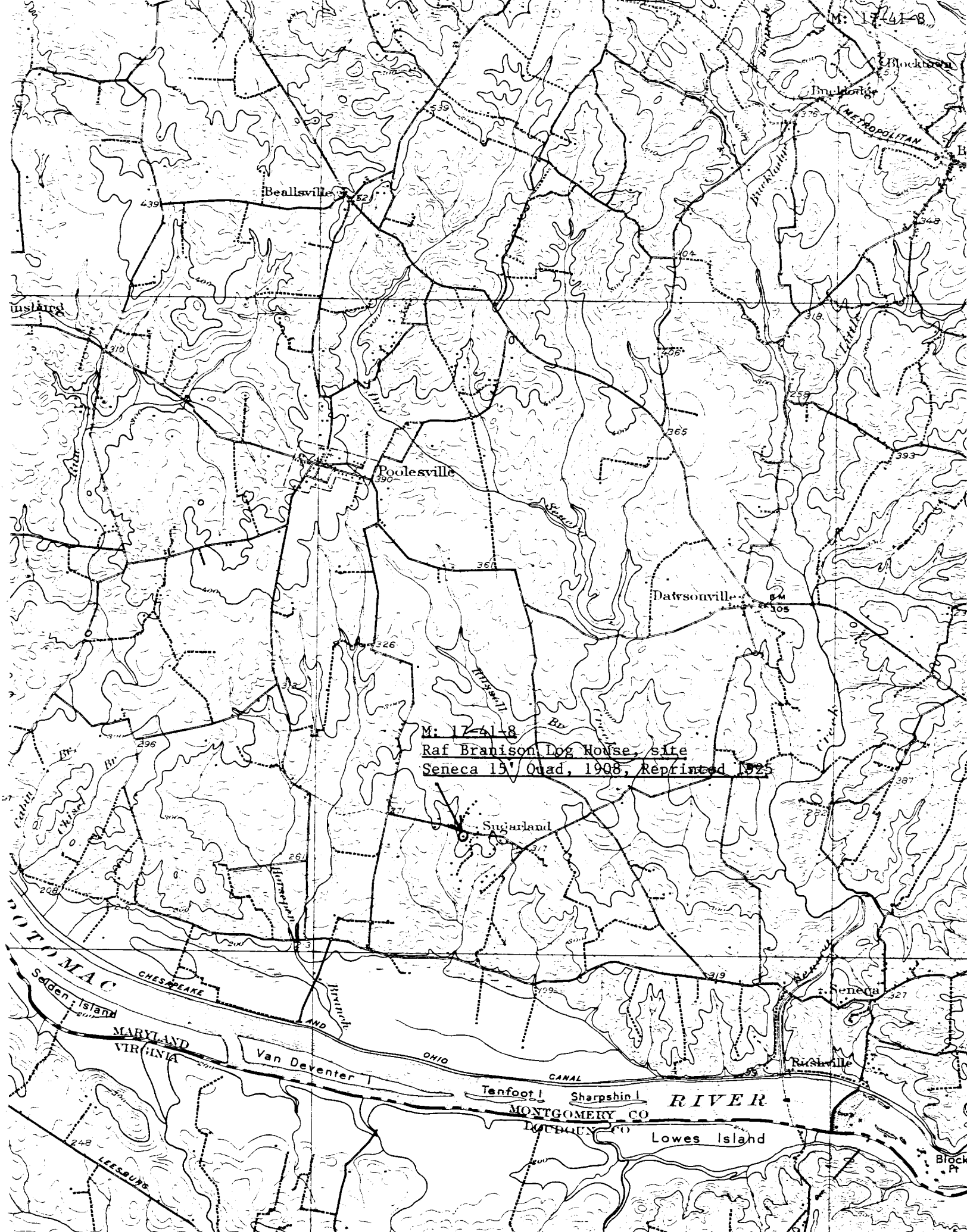


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STORE	[Symbol]
POST OFFICE	[Symbol]
SCHOOL	[Symbol]
DWELLING	[Symbol]
PRIVY	[Symbol]
STABLE	[Symbol]
MEAT HOUSE	[Symbol]
HEN HOUSE	[Symbol]
MILK HOUSE	[Symbol]
CORN/FEED HOUSE	[Symbol]
PIG PEN	[Symbol]
GARDEN	[Symbol]
PASTURE	[Symbol]
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STREAM FLOW	[Symbol]

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|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. JAMES BECKWITH HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| 2. TILGHMAN BECKWITH HSTD. | 4.00 AC. |
| 3. JOHN ADAMS HSTD. | 18.00 AC. |
| 4. LEWIS GARNETT HSTD. | 14.00 AC. |
| 5. PETER JACKSON HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| 6a. PATRICK HERRON HSTD. | 17.00 AC. |
| b. LUKE HERRON HSTD. | |
| c. ROBERT HERRON HSTD. | |
| 7a. NATHAN JOHNSON HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| b. POST OFFICE | |
| 8. JOHN HIGGINS HSTD. | 4.00 AC. |
| 9. JOE CURTIS HSTD. | 6.00 AC. |
| 10. BASIL DORSEY HSTD. | 4.00 AC. |
| 11. ST. PAUL'S M.E. CHURCH | 1.00 AC. |
| 12. HORACE JACKSON HSTD. | 2.00 AC. |
| 13. SUGARLAND SCHOOL | 1.00 AC. |
| 14. SAM BEANDER HSTD. | 6.00 AC. |
| 15. THOMAS NICHOLS HSTD. | 10.00 AC. |
| 16a. BENJAMIN SPARROUSE HSTD. | 14.75 AC. |
| b. SUGARLAND STORE | |
| 17. CHARLES JACKSON HSTD. | 4.50 AC. |
| 18. LUKE LYNCH & FAMILY HSTD. | 10.00 AC. |
| 19. WILLIAM TAYLOR HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| 20. LLOYD COATES HSTD. | 4.00 AC. |
| 21. SAMUEL JOHNSON HSTD. | 4.00 AC. |
| 22. JOHN DIGGS HSTD. | 4.00 AC. |
| 23. JOHN BRANISON HSTD. | 11.00 AC. |
| 24. RAF BRANISON HSTD. | 6.00 AC. |
| 25. PHILLIP JOHNSON HSTD. | 6.00 AC. |
| 26. ISAAC BELL HSTD. | 10.00 AC. |
| 27. SAMUEL LEE HSTD. | 5.00 AC. |
| 28. LEVI HALL HSTD. | 10.00 AC. |

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

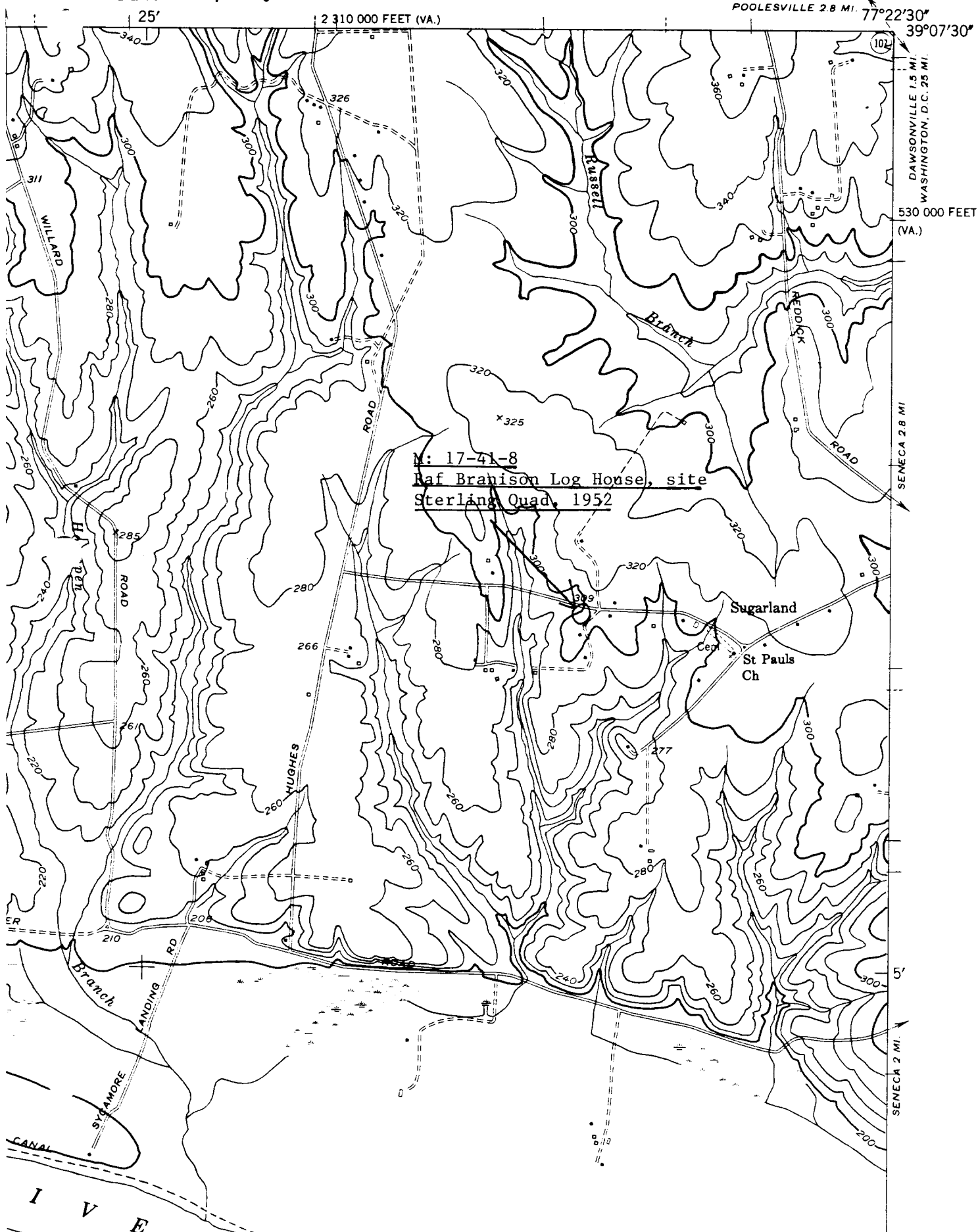


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Raf Branison Log House, site

Seneca 15' Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1925

STERLING QUADRANGLE
VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE



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VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE

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5562 III NE
(GERMANTOWN)

291 25' 2 310 000 FEET (VA.) 292

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PAOLESVILLE 3 MI. 77°22'30"
39°07'30"

DAWSONVILLE 1.5 MI
WASHINGTON, D.C. 25 MI
530 000 FEET
(VA.)

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Raf Branison Log House, site
Sterling Quad, 1968

